
Introduced by Senator Vidak

February 4, 2014

An act to amend Section 13001 of the Elections Code, relating to special elections, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 942, as introduced, Vidak. Special elections.

Existing law provides that expenses authorized and necessarily incurred in the preparation for and conduct of elections are to be paid from the county treasuries, except as specified.

This bill would provide that expenses authorized and necessarily incurred on or after January 1, 2008, and before December 31, 2014, for elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of Senator or Member of the Assembly, or to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator or Member of the United States House of Representatives, shall be paid by the state.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature recognizes the unnecessary
- 2 burden that unreimbursed special elections have had on California's
- 3 58 counties. These special elections have forced the counties to
- 4 redirect important funds that should be used to provide critical
- 5 services to the community.

SEC. 2. Section 13001 of the Elections Code is amended to read:

13001. ~~All~~ (a) (1) *Except as provided in subdivision (b), expenses authorized and necessarily incurred in the preparation for, and conduct of, elections as provided in this code shall be paid from the county treasuries, except that when if an election is called by the governing body of a city the expenses shall be paid from the treasury of the city. All payments shall be made in the same manner as other county or city expenditures are made. The elections official, in providing the materials required by this division, need not utilize the services of the county or city purchasing agent.*

(2) *All payments under this subdivision shall be made in the same manner as other county or city expenditures are made.*

(b) *All expenses authorized and necessarily incurred on or after January 1, 2008, and before December 31, 2014, in the preparation for, and conduct of, elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of Senator or Member of the Assembly, or to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator or Member of the United States House of Representatives, shall be paid by the state.*

(c) *The elections official, in providing the materials required by this division, need not utilize the services of the county or city purchasing agent.*

SEC. 3. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to assure the orderly conduct of elections during the ongoing dire fiscal climate by relieving counties of responsibility for expenses incurred on or after January 1, 2008, and before December 31, 2014, for the preparation and conduct of elections proclaimed by the Governor for specified purposes, it is necessary that this bill go into immediate effect.